



## **Emmett V. Jordan**

Emmett V. Jordan is serving in his fourth term as a member of the Greenbelt City Council and second term as "Mayor". A Greenbelt resident for 17 years, Emmett relocated to the area to work with the University of Maryland in 1998. Soon after, He moved to Greenbriar Condominiums, attracted by the convenient location and the many recreational amenities of Greenbelt. In 2009, he became the first and only African-American elected to serve on Council.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, he studied liberal arts and music at Morehouse College and at the University of Cincinnati, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Administration. He completed additional graduate course work in Public Administration at Seton Hall University. Emmett participated in the UMD Legacy Leadership Institute on Municipal Government in 2009 and completed an Academy for Excellence in Local Governance Fellowship in 2011. He attends workshops and conferences frequently to learn about new issues that affect Greenbelt.

He has worked hard to develop productive relationships with leaders from surrounding municipalities, the County, and our State /Federal delegations. These external relationships provide a platform to advocate for the best interests of Greenbelt. For the past four years, Jordan has served on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Maryland Municipal League. He is the current Vice Chair of the MML Legislative Committee and was President of the Prince George's County Municipal Association in 2013.

Emmett's career provides him with over 25 years of experience in project management: planning and implementation capacity building programs for nonprofits. Since 2005, he has worked as an independent contractor, providing professional services focused on marketing, communications, strategic planning, and fund development. He has worked with a variety of nonprofit organizations, including the Smithsonian Institution, University of Maryland at College Park, Plainfield Neighborhood Health Center, and the United Negro College Fund.

Prior to 2009, Emmett was a member of the city's Advisory Planning Board where he spearheaded the effort to create a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for Greenbelt. He co-chaired and then chaired the Greenbelt Community Foundation Board, completing a 4-year term in 2010. He served on the Greenbriar Condominiums Association Phase I Board for 5 years beginning in 2004. From 2000 to 2005, he co-chaired the Urban Roundtable, an auxiliary organization for the Greater Washington Urban League (GWUL). Emmett still finds time to occasionally volunteer with the Greenbelt Farmers Market. He is a member and former co-chair of the Greenbelt Tennis Association.

An energetic and active person, Emmett enjoys attending concerts, art exhibits, and cultural programs. His favorite pastimes include spending time outdoors around Greenbelt, playing tennis, bicycling, and playing the guitar.